(MU) as against 2143 Million Units (MU) generated in 1995-96.

Permission for extra rooms in DDA Janata Flats

*191. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to construct an extra room on the terraces of DDA Janta flats;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider to permit such construction due to paucity of space in these one room flats; and

(c) what is Government's decision regarding already constructed rooms on the terraces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, temporary construction on the open terraces with sloping roofs upto 9 feet height with lightweight material such as fibre glass, AC sheets, GI sheets / pipes and standard angle iron sections, etc. and enclosing with glazing has been included in the items of condonable additions/alterations in DDA flats.

Estimate of Growth in GDP

*192. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimate relating to growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the first four years of the Eighth Plan have been revised both ways;

(b) if so, the revised GDP growth rate;

(c) whether growth in the GDP in 1995-96 has been revised to 7.1%, as against the earlier 7%; and

(d) if so, the authenticity of the current as well as the earlier dates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised GDP growth rates for the first four years of the Eighth Plan, viz., 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are 5.3, 6.0, 7.2 and 7.1 per cent respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimates of GDP are revised utilising the latest available data from different sectors of the economy at various points of time. The methodology developed by the Expert National Income Advisory Committee is used. It is reviewed by the Committee from time to time. The Committee was chaired by eminent economists like Prof. M. Mukherjee, Prof. V.M. Dandekar and Prof. C.H. Hanumantharao. Y.K. Alagh chaired it until he was sworn in as Minister and the current Chairman is the distinguished economist Dr. R. Mohan, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research. The revised estimates are firmer as more data becomes available.

Cut in Aid to States to Recover Dues

*193. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes to cut in aid to the States to recover arrears of dues of the Ministries/Departments of Railways, Coal, Power and Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that small States are not victimised on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VEN-

UGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Government of India has taken a decision to deduct the outstanding dues, as on November/December 1996 of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministries of Power, Railways, Coal and Department of Atomic Energy through Central Appropriation to States/Uts/National Capital Territory of Delhi as per the following details:

Sl. No.	Ministries	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1.	Ministry of Power	8512.26
2.	Ministry of Railways	1112.93
3.	Deptt. of Atomic Energy	1648.00
4.	Ministry of Coal	3767.51
	Total	15040.70

(c) To minimise the impact of the above deduction it has been decided that not more than 15% of the Central Plan Assistance payable to the State Governments would be appropriated annually.

Privatisation of GS-15 Field of Krishna Godavari Basin

*194. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC proposes to privatise the GS-15 field of the Krishna Godavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the officials have given any proposals to economically produce gas worth Rs 5 lakhs a day with nominal investment of Rs 50 corres per platform and structure in the sea; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not agreeing to the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) to (c) No such specific proposals is under consideration of the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Pending Proposals for Setting up of Thermal Power Projects

*195. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals for setting up of Thermal Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh are pending with Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to expedite the clearance of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) A proposal for setting up of a coal fired station (2×260 MW) at Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 11.2.1997. The decision to accord techno-economic clearance to the project would be taken by CEA subject to various inputs having been tied up and the requisite clearances from the competent authority obtained.

Besides the above, the investment approval is yet to be accorded to NTPC for setting up the 2×500 MW Simadhri TPS. For Vishakhapatnam coal fired station (2×500 MW) being implemented as an independent power project, the requisite clearances have been accorded by CEA and other authorities and the project is under consideration of the Government of India for grant of counter guarantee. For the other proposals, the project promoters/SEBs have yet to tie up the requisite inputs and submit/resubmit the